THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) Yes. The method of appointment to the post is by direct recruitment but leave vacancies may be filled by transfer from any other service. A candidate recruited direct to the post must not have completed 35 years of age on 1st of July of the year in which selection is made and he must possess an intimate knowledge of the paper trade and wholesale stationery.

"(b) A certain number of candidates who are *prima facie* qualified have applied to the Madras Public Service Commission. A final selection has not been made.

"(c) & (d) Pending recruitment of a candidate by the Madras Public Service Commission, Mr. R.(?) Siddique, Assistant Superintendent, Government Press, has been appointed temporarily. He possess a Diploma in Printing, London, and a full Technological Certificate of City and Guilds of London Institute, London, besides other certificates in Printing and Allied Trades.

"(e) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (b)."

*Course of studies in the Veterinary College.*

* 141 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that under the old regulations a student studying in the Veterinary College has to appear at the end of the year for both the Government Diploma Examinations and for the University Examinations in practically the same subjects;

(b) whether it is a fact that while the students failing to get a pass in the University Examinations alone in any year are allowed the option to give up the Degree Course and complete the Diploma Course, students failing to get a pass in the Diploma Examinations alone are not given the option to finish the Degree Course alone but are obliged to stay in the same class until they pass the Diploma Examinations;

(c) how many students were detained in each year as a result of the examinations held in March and October 1946;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Diploma Course has been abolished as a result of the new regulations;

(e) what remedy the Government propose to adopt in the case of students who appeared in the latest examinations under the old regulations and failed in the same, in order to enable them to further prosecute their studies;

(f) whether they will be allowed to join their next higher class and appear for the University Examinations; and

(g) whether the Government propose to make any temporary provisions to meet the needs of such failed students?

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (a) Yes. The students under the old regulations except those of the final year (fourth year), Diploma course have to appear at the end of each year for both the Government Diploma Examinations and for the degree examinations. Some of the subjects for both the examinations are the same, but such subjects for the degree course have to be passed at the university standard.

" (b) It is a fact that the students who fail to get a pass in the University examinations alone in any year are allowed the option to give up the degree course and complete the diploma course while the students of the degree course who fail to get a pass in the diploma examinations are not allowed to do so as there are very many subjects for the diploma course which are not included in the degree course.

" (c) The table below shows the number of students failed in each of the I to IV year classes the diploma examinations held in March and October and degree examinations held in April and October 1946 :—

*Diploma Examination.*

| | March 1946. | October 1946 (Supplementary). |
|---|---|---|
| I year .. .. | 24 out of 53 | 9 out of 21 |
| II year ... .. | 19 out of 44 | 10 out of 17 |
| III year .. | 5 out of 14 | 3 out of 5 |
| IV year .. | 4 out of 24 | 2 out of 4 |

*Degree Examinations.*

| | April 1946. | October 1946 (Supplementary). |
|---|---|---|
| Preliminary .. | 34 out of 53 | 20 out of 31 |
| Inter Part I .. | 14 out of 30 | 5 out of 15 |
| Inter Part II .. | 2 out of 10 | 1 out of 2 |
| Final year ... | 4 out of 14 | 1 out of 4 |

" (d) Yes.

" (e) Provision has been made to enable the failed students of the diploma course to appear in the subject or subjects in which they have failed and complete the diploma examination by 1951–52 for the present. The question of continuing the diploma examination beyond 1951–52, till all the students pass the examination or absorbing them in the new degree course is under consideration of Government.

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" (f) Failed students of the degree as well as the diploma courses are permitted to study in the next year class and appear in the subjects failed. But if such students fail in two consecutive examinations they have to revert and put in additional terms in the subject or subjects in which they have failed before they can appear for the examination again.

" (g) To meet the needs of such failed students, the Government have ordered the following temporary provisions :—

(1) Such students are allowed to pass the examination by parts; and

(2) one more first year diploma examination was ordered to be held in March 1947."

*Malaria in Nellore district.*

* 143 Q.—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of attacks and deaths on account of malarial fever in the coastal villages of Gudur, Nellore, Kovur, Kavali and Kandukur taluks in Nellore district for the last three years from 1943; and

(b) what steps the Government propose to take to give aid to the affected areas?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No information is available. (Malaria is not a notifiable disease and attacks of malaria are not registered. Deaths from malaria are classified under the column ' fevers ' in death registers.)

" (b) An anti-malaria scheme at Government cost is working in the Nellore district since 1944. There has been a distinct fall in malaria prevalence in the villages in Nellore district referred to, as a result of the anti-malarial operations carried on under the above scheme. The scheme will be continued."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister will consider it advisable to declare malaria a notified disease in Nellore district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Malaria is prevalent in many areas. I cannot understand why Nellore district should be singled out."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" He wants the disease to be notified."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Village officers will be asked to further classify deaths under fevers into malaria and other fevers."